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Kansas Amusement Ride Permit Program Reminder

Topeka – The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) Industrial Safety and Health Division wants to make sure that Kansans safely enjoy their favorite amusement rides at county fairs and festivals across the state.

The Kansas Amusement Ride Act requires that each amusement ride must have a valid permit issued by KDOL and that the owner has registered with KDOL as an amusement ride owner. To register as an owner and apply for a ride permit, visit *Amusement Ride Services* on the KDOL website.

Amusement ride means any mechanical or electrical device that carries or conveys passengers along, around or over a fixed or restricted route or course or within a defined area. Its purpose is to give its passengers amusement, pleasure, thrills or excitement. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Ferris wheels;
- Carousels:
- Inflatable devices, such as bouncy houses;
- Go-karts:
- Commercial zip lines;
- To view the full list click here.

The term amusement ride does **not** include:

- Games, concessions and associated structures;
- Any single passenger coin-operated ride that:
 - o Is manually, mechanically or electrically operated;
 - o Is customarily placed in a public location; and
 - o Does not normally require the supervision or services of an operator;
- Non-mechanized playground equipment, including, but not limited to, swings, seesaws, stationary spring-mounted animal features, rider-propelled merry-go-rounds, climbers, slides and physical fitness devices;
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To report an alleged violation of the Kansas Amusement Ride Act, log onto KDOL website and access form "Report of Alleged Violation of the Kansas Amusement Ride Act."

For additional information, please contact Marlea James, KDOL Amusement Ride Coordinator by phone at (785) 296-4386 or Marlea.James@ks.gov

Since March 15, 2020 KDOL has paid out over 4.6 million weekly claims totaling over \$3 billion between regular unemployment and the federal pandemic programs. For more information, or to apply for unemployment benefits, go to www.GetKansasBenefits.gov.

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